## Message

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**Subject**: RE: A positive update on our Science submission **Attachments**: 200415 EPA NJ PFAS Study - ORD Summary.pptx

OK I see exactly what you are talking about. Your correction is exactly correct and I used it. Your copy and paste effort made it a lot easier, thanks!

I am attaching the update PowerPoint (named with today's date 200415), with your corrected structure placed on slide 7 and 10.

I will send you NJDEP scientist Gloria Post's email next.

Thanks for your catch of the error and fixing the structure! John

From: Watkins, Tim < Watkins. Tim@epa.gov> Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 1:53 PM

**To:** Washington, John < Washington.John@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: A positive update on our Science submission

Thanks John, I did take a crack at a revision (see below) – although I realize you are still discussing.

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From: Washington, John < Washington. John@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 1:47 PM

Let me try to address this for you. It's a little confused because I am addressing this structure with the editor at Science right now.
I think I get what you are talking about. I will send you a revision in a few minutes to see if I interpret you correctly.
Thanks, John
From: Watkins, Tim < Watkins. Tim@epa.gov> Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 1:35 PM To: Washington, John < Washington. John@epa.gov> Subject: RE: A positive update on our Science submission  John – one other note/question. With the revised figure in the manuscript, how difficult would be to edit/update the figure below that have used in the presentations to date? I am asking because I REALLY like the slide you developed
(slide 7 in the briefing for JOZ) that uses this figure. I was looking at the presentation and was thinking that the change could be made fairly easily, but realized the figure was a picture and not editable. I did try to edit quickly by switching a CI and F (see below), but I not certain this is what needs to be done and my approach was to "paste" over the figure rather than editing directly. I don't think we necessarily need to revise before the meeting with JOZ on Friday, but thought it may be good moving forward. Thanks again.
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To: Watkins, Tim < Watkins. Tim@epa.gov>

Hi Tim,

Subject: RE: A positive update on our Science submission

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Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 1:07 PM

**To:** Washington, John < <u>Washington.John@epa.gov</u>> **Subject:** RE: A positive update on our Science submission

Great news John! Congrats!

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Subject: A positive update on our Science submission

Dear coauthors and everyone else invested,

I just checked the Science authors' portal, saw a change in manuscript status, re-signed into EPA email and found the email below in my Junk folder, a problem which I have tried numerous times to fix.

You can read for yourself that the manuscript seems to be more securely near full acceptance, a much darker shade of gray, almost fully black and white. The editor even was kind enough to redraw our Figure 1 for us to his satisfaction!

I plan to address the remaining minor comments starting tomorrow.

I think this protracted review, with long silences, has been a challenge for some of us . . . I know it has been for me. Perhaps some of the delay is related to AAAS work on the COVID-19 effort, see image below of an email I received about two hours before the editor's email to me. At any rate, thank you all for your contributions, support and patience, and I will keep you posted.

Sincerely, John

The latest on COVID-19 from Science





From: Jake S. Yeston <science editors@aaas.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 4:38 PM

To: Washington, John Cc: jyeston@aaas.org

Subject: Finalizing your Science Manuscript (aba7127)

14-Apr-2020

Dear John,

Sincere apologies for the delay. The first reviewer has returned the comments below and we are prepared to accept the paper with a few further minor revisions. In addition to the reviewer's comments, we need a link that readers can use to access the data repository. Ideally this should be a DOI that can be cited in the reference list, but if the EPA repository does not make DOI's available, a stable url in the acknowledgments would suffice. I would also encourage you to consider this new title: Nontargeted mass-spectral detection of chloroperfluoropolyether carboxylates in New Jersey soils. I think it's somewhat important to spell out the actual name of the compound class you detected, despite then losing the mention of fingerprinting.

I redrew the compound in Figure 1 so it looked a little cleaner--if you're satisfied with that, there's no need to change it, as I've uploaded it to your record.

In the supplement (where the title should change too), Table S5 should

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Jake

thanks,

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